

Newman Congregational Church, UCC

"No matter who you are, Or where you are on life's journey ... You're welcome here!"

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

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MORNING WORSHIP

April 14, 2024

@ 10am

faith

hope

love

MISSION STATEMENT

We are an inclusive Christian community dedicated to living Jesus' message of love, peace and justice through joyful worship, compassionate service, radical hospitality and responsible stewardship.

OPENING MUSIC

Blessed Jesus, We are Here

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

WELCOME

*HYMN

Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

PH #181

CALL TO WORSHIP – *responsive*

One: We gather to worship the risen Christ!

Many: God has turned a world in need of shaking up and has turned it upside down.

One: The cries to crucify have been replaced by “Alleluias” the life songs of a forgiven people.

Many: The death-dealing cross on which Jesus bore our sins has become a tree of life-bearing fruits of love and forgiveness.

One: The sealed tomb is now the symbol of our liberation. A living Christ freed into the world revealing the loving power of God.

Many: We gather to worship the risen Christ!

ANTHEM

My eyes for beauty pine

words by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
music by Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

HEART TO HEART

*HYMN

Halleluja

NCH #236

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15: 12 - 22

SERMON

“Miracles, Science and the Boston Marathon”

ANTHEM

Hallelujah! Amen! from *Judas Maccabeus*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER – *in unison (using “Debts” and “Debtors”)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen .

*HYMN

My Shepherd Is the Living God

NCH #247

COMMISSION

BENEDICTION

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WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Laurene Bowers, Interim Minister
Christy Wynveen, Minister for Faith Formation
Sean Amato, Student Minister
Geoff Greene, Minister of Music
Becky Bass, Soprano Section Leader
Barbara Youmans, Alto Section Leader
Jonne Gomes, Bass Section Leader
Tom Lima, Audio Visual Specialist
Mike Sherrill, Lay Reader

THIS WEEK

- Coffee & Conversation – today, 4/14 following Worship in Memorial Hall
- Racial Equity Team Meeting – today, 4/14 @ 11:30am
- Racial Justice Book Discussion – Monday, 4/15 @ 7pm via Zoom (LB)
- Search Committee Meeting – Monday, 4/15 @ 7pm in Memorial Hall
- Council/Trustee Meeting – Tuesday, 4/16 @ 7pm in Memorial Hall
- Food Bank Delivery – Thursday, 4/18 @ 9am
- Adult Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 4/18 @ 7:15pm in the Sanctuary
- Faith-Based Discussion Group – Friday, 4/19 @ 9:30am via Zoom (CW)
- Board of Missions Meeting – Saturday, 4/20 @ 10am in Memorial Hall
- CWS Depot – Saturday, 4/20 from 10am-Noon
- May Basket Making – Saturday, 4/20 from 10am-Noon in Green Room #5
- Confirmation – next Sunday, 4/21 @ 9am in the Youth Room
- Morning Worship* – next Sunday, 4/21 @ 10am in the Sanctuary
- Coffee & Conversation – next Sunday, 4/21 following worship in Memorial Hall
- HSYG Spring Party – next Sunday, 4/21 @ 11:15am in the Youth Room

**indicates hybrid = offered both in-person and online*

NOTES:

- Nursery Care will be provided every Sunday. Church School begins in Worship.
- In-person Office Hours **this week** are **Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday from 9am-1pm**. The Office will be closed on Wednesday, April 17.
- In April, Good Neighbors Food Pantry specifically requests donations of **hearty soups** (*ic: Progresso or Chunky*).
- The Board of Missions is collecting **hygiene kits** and **period packs** for Church World Services through April Ziploc bags containing the list of items needed will be in the pews for you to take home.